

MINUTES
MICHIGAN STATE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING
May 23, 2002
Lansing, Michigan

Meeting noticed in accordance with Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976.

Present: Ted Wahby, Vice Chairman
 Betty Jean Awrey, Commissioner
 Lowell Jackson, Commissioner
 John Garside, Commissioner
 C. Robert Baillod, Commissioner

 Charles Krupka, Commission Advisor
 Jerry Jones, Commission Auditor
 Vickie Plummer, Executive Secretary
 Pat Isom, Assistant Attorney General
 Greg Rosine, Director
 Barb Hayes, Chief Administrative Officer
 Larry Tibbits, Chief Operations Officer
 Philip Kazmierski, Bureau of Urban and Public Transportation
 William Gehman, Bureau of Aeronautics
 Gary D. Taylor, Bureau of Highway Technical Services
 Louis Lambert, Bureau of Transportation Planning
 Tom Maki, Office of Strategic Planning & Initiatives

Absent: Barton LaBelle, Chairman

A list of those people who attended the meeting is attached to the official minutes.

Vice Chairman Wahby called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Bureau of Aeronautics Auditorium, Lansing, Michigan.

APPOINTMENTS

Vice Chairman Wahby introduced and welcomed C. Robert Baillod, new State Transportation Commissioner from the Dollar Bay area in the Upper Peninsula.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

Commission Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Awrey, with support from Commissioner Garside, to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2002, meeting and workshop, and the March 28, joint meeting of the Transportation and Aeronautics Commissions, as submitted. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

OVERSIGHT

Commission/State Administrative Board Contracts and Agreements (Exhibit A)

It was moved by Commissioner Jackson, with support from Commissioner Awrey, to grant approval to the Department to proceed with the contract process. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Bid Letting Pre-Approvals (Exhibit A-1)

It was moved by Commissioner Awrey, with support from Commissioner Jackson, to grant approval to the Department to proceed with the contract process. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Letting Exceptions (Exhibit A-2 & Supplemental A-2)

It was moved by Commissioner Awrey, with support from Commissioner Garside, to grant approval to the Department to proceed with the contract process. The motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Information Items (Exhibit A-3)

This item was for informational purposes only and did not require a vote.

PRESENTATIONS

Director's Report

Greg Rosine, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Director, reported that 514 MDOT employees (16 percent of the workforce) will be taking the early-out retirement option that was offered. He also announced that Leon Hank will replace Barb Hayes as Chief Administrative Officer, John Friend is the new Engineer of Delivery and Terry Anderson is the new Engineer of Development.

Director Rosine also provided the following information: A bridge on M-553 is being reconstructed after it was washed out during recent flooding in the Upper Peninsula.

Refunding of the Comprehensive Transportation Fund bonds has taken place saving the Department approximately \$6.7 million. A meeting has been scheduled with the industry to discuss outstanding issues on the development of pavement warranties.

The Director reported on two projects that were advertised as reinforced concrete projects in which the industry requested the Department to revise the jobs to a non-reinforced design. The projects had already been advertised and bids received for reinforced concrete; and thus, the projects could not be changed to accommodate the request because of the Department's concern to maintain the integrity of the bidding process. Further information on warranties will be provided to the Commission at a later date.

Continuously Operating Reference Stations (CORS)

Brian Dollman-Jersey, Bureau of Highway Operations Technical Services, Design Division, provided information on the Michigan Spatial Reference Network (MSRN). This network is a group of 16 global positioning system receivers installed at MDOT facilities statewide which are tied together via MDOT's network. The MSRN system reduces the need for field surveyors to research, locate, and occupy existing horizontal control monuments. Financial impacts include savings of three to five days of survey activities for each project, reducing employee time on the each job. Other advantages of the system include more consistent data, centralized management with minimal staff, and no set-up errors. Other systems that could possibly benefit from CORS include graphic informational system applications, intelligent transportation systems, over-the-road and rail commodity hauling, trip planning, and emergency response systems.

State Long Range Plan

Susan Mortel, Bureau of Transportation Planning, reported on MDOT's 2000-2025 State Long Range Plan. This plan provides overall transportation investment guidance, provides modal strategies for every type of transportation, and contains key performance indicators that will help ensure the wisest transportation investments. The Department's current focus has been on preservation of transit, air, and road systems, a coordinated corridor approach to improvements, safety and security issues, providing access to major transportation generators, and improving access to state "gateways."

Information was provided on future goals which include preservation, safety, basic mobility, strengthening the state's economy, transportation service coordination, intermodalism, environment and aesthetics, and land-use coordination. Information was also provided on the growth of commercial and annual vehicle miles traveled, and highway crash statistics.

Ms. Mortel discussed strategies to strengthen department programs including asset management, congestion management, and performance bench marking and monitoring, and

also provided information on revenue shortfalls. Major recommendations in the plan include preserving current mobility, modernizing the transportation system, improving the management of transportation assets, improving the safety and security of the transportation system, improving intermodal connectivity between modes and intermodal connectivity and continuity within modes, and identifying new ways of generating transportation revenue.

A copy of the draft document was provided to the Commissioners for their review. At the June State Transportation Commission Meeting, the Commission will be asked to approve the final document for printing and distribution.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Wahby adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Commission Advisor